Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao supported the representation.

Reply of Government.—Noted for consideration in connection with the Grant-in-aid Code, the revision of which is on hand.

SUBJECT No. 275.

Better staff of high school teachers.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The results of the recent Matriculation examination in some of the High Schools show that proper scrutiny has not been exercised in the appointments and transfers of teachers to High Schools. Mere seniority in service ought not to count as a qualification for the post of the Headmaster of a high school. The aptitude of the teacher should be ascertained before the appointment is made. It would perhaps be better if some graduates are taken as probationers in the office of the Inspector-General of Education before they are sent out as teachers.

Reply of Government.—This will receive due consideration. A scheme is under contemplation of entertaining capable graduates as Probationers, and giving them proper training before confirmation.

SUBJECT No. 276.

Progressive pay to Anglo-Vernacular schoolmasters.

(1) Mr Kotturiah, Tiptur taluk.
(2) Mr. Venkatasamiah, Chamrajnagar taluk and
(3) Mr. Boregowda, Yedatore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Schoolmasters now start on a salary of Rs. 10. Those who have put in over 20 years service are also getting Rs. 10. There is thus no difference between an experienced master and a new man. This makes the masters work with less interest and the education of the children thereby suffers. It is therefore prayed that the masters in the taluk Anglo-Vernacular schools at least, be given periodical increments every year as is being given in other departments.

(2) The system of promotion by grades may be introduced into Anglo-Vernacular schools as in the case of high schools.

(3) The schoolmasters of all the elementry schools are given a uniform pay without regard to their merit and good work turned out by them. Pray that some distinction be drawn between those that do good and hard work and promotions given them by way of encouragement.

Reply of Government.—The revision of scale of pay of the Anglo-Vernacular schoolmasters is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 277.

Increase of pay to masters of Kannada schools.

Messrs. Revanasiddia, Gurulingappa and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Kannada school masters who have passed the Upper Secondary and Pandits' examinations get very low pay and do not get any periodical increments. Considering their qualifications, it is desirable to prescribe a scale of increments to their pay by way of encouragement.